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Disappearing, Reappearing Driver's License Puzzles Recorder Who Revoked It

Wonderment as to how C. E. Bailey, local attorney, managed to regain possession of his State driving permit, which was supposedly taken from him last February for a period of 12 months, was expressed last night by W. C. Morse, Jr., Recorder of Pasquotank County.

Bailey was convicted in Judge Morse's court on February 12 this year, on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor. Morse fined him \$50 and ordered his driving permit to be revoked for a period of 12 months. A few days later, Bailey called on Morse and asked him to issue a letter to Arthur Fulk, director of the Division of Highway Safety, recommending that the revocation be order d to apply for only 90 days, instead of for a year. He showed Morse a letter containing such a recommendation and written by County Prosecuting Attorney Walter W. Cohoon. Not knowing that the Attorney General had ruled only a few days before that the law regarding revocation of driving permits following conviction of driver permits following conviction on drunken driving charges was absolutely mandatory, Judge Morse wrote a letter to Mr. Fulk in which he recommended a 90-day period. Morse received a polite but firm letter from Mr. Fulk stating that Mr. Fulk was very sorry but there was nothing he could do about Bailey's case since the law contained no loop-holes and was mandatory in itself.

Two weeks ago Bailey was again arrested for drunken driving at Nags Head, and the warrant also charged him with driving without a State driver's permit. The case was tried by a jury in Judge Morse's court Tuesday, September 1, and Bailey was acquitted.

During the trial, Bailey displayed his State driver's permit as his principal defense exhibit. He stated that it had never been taken from him and that it had been revoked for only 90 days. He stated furthermore, that Mr. Fulk had never notified him officially that his license had been revoked.

Bank's New Store Will Be Completed To Tenant's Taste

Work has been halted temporarily on the new Main Street construction on the lot adjoining and owned by the First and Citizens National Bank to await a satisfactory tenant, Graham W. Bell, bank official said yesterday.

The bank expects to design the front of the building in accord with the needs and wishes of a permanent tenant, Mr. Bell said. Walls and concrete subflooring work are now complete and the contractor is awaiting on the drying of the concrete before proceeding with finishing of ceiling and side walls with plaster. Over the concrete base will be laid a wood floor.

The building will have provision for a small balcony in the rear of the store, and considerable space has been left next the sidewalk to take care of any window displays that might arise.

It is expected that the front finally will result in a modern design such as is now seen in more populous cities. The building faces about twenty-five feet on the south side of Main Street and runs back to the alley separating the bank building from the Virginia Dare Hotel.

Side walls of the new construction are formed by the Virginia Dare Arcade and the east side of the First and Citizens National Bank. Construction of the front will begin as soon as the store is leased to a prospective tenant.

Big Sweet Tooth
The sugar bill in the United States in 1935 was \$698,100,000.

"Wash" Barnes Was Murdered Outside Shack

Police Believe That Lethal
Weapon Has Been
Identified

"PERSONS UNKNOWN"
Broken Neck, Fractured
Skull Is Evidence of
Brutal Attack

Police and court officials are now definitely of the opinion that the blow that downed Washington Barnes, 65-year-old Negro living near the city limits, was struck while the man was outside; his shack probably investigating some noise made by the intruder.

The trail of blood and broken weeds tended to show that the assailant made an attempt to drag the body into the bushes for concealment. Evidently later devising the plan of placing the Negro in his living quarters and setting fire to the place, as the trail of blood circled and veered back toward the shack.

That at least one and possibly more of the blows given the dead man were struck by means of an iron strip measuring about two feet by one and a half inches and a quarter of an inch thick, is the opinion of officers.

No blood was found upon the iron after a careful examination by Assistant Chief of Police M. E. Meades, directly after discovery of the crime but a small wisp of hair was stuck to one side at the end.

A flake of rust evidently had been recently knocked off the weapon according to the police official.

There is still some doubt as to the possibility of the Negro having in some manner managed to crawl into the hut after the attack, but in view of the fact that the autopsy showed his neck to be broken such a move would seem impossible.

A long gash on the right side of the Negro's head and running at an angle from the right temple toward the back gave evidence of a blow of sufficient strength to shatter the skull directly beneath the wound. Although the left ear was cut and a glaring gash was apparent on the left frontal bone above the eye, there was no other fracture of the skull.

No definite clue as to the assailant has yet been announced by investigators working on the case, but considerable energy is being expended in tracing all available evidence to the utmost.

Verdict of the jury called to witness the autopsy by Coroner J. B. Ferebee was to the effect that Barnes had come to his death at the hands of "person or persons unknown."

Discovery of the crime is credited to Charles Stafford, night watchman at a nearby barrel mill, who saw wisps of smoke rising from the Negro's home.

Barnes had lived in his quarters for a period of about five years. For several years he drove a sanitary cart for the city and more recently had been engaged in odd jobs at farm labor in the neighborhood.

It is a known fact that the old man possessed a shot gun with which he had at one time threatened to shoot anyone who came on the grounds. The shotgun was nowhere to be seen in a search of the place after discovery of the body, nor was a smaller gun which is supposed to have been there.

UTILITIES YIELD INCREASED GAIN FOR PAST YEAR

Electricity Bears Burden of
Water and Sewer Department's Losses

The Public Utility Commission of Elizabeth City showed a net income of \$43,557.06 for the 12-months period ending June 30, 1936, according to the audit which was turned over to the Utility Commission this week by the auditing firm of Bundy and Moran.

The audit shows total operating revenues amounting to \$216,158.04, as against \$20,152.54 for the 1934 audit. The operating expenses for the two periods were approximately the same.

The net income for the last fiscal year was around 25,000 in excess of that shown in the 1934 audit.

The reason for the gain was an increase in the consumption of electricity, due to a revision of rates and the activities of the New Business department of the Utility Commission.

The revenue of the electrical department for the 1935-36 fiscal year was \$176,500.37, and the net income from this department was \$86,619.21. However, losses of \$25,571.40 and \$18,490.75 in the water and sewer departments, respectively, took away half of this net income.

The audit report as a whole was considered to be quite favorable.

New Hospital Annex Soon To Be Ready

Albemarle Hospital's new 16-bed annex for charity patients has been virtually completed and will be ready for use in about ten days, according to Mrs. Charlotte Gordon Fearing, hospital superintendent.

The new addition, which was designed by Capt. M. P. Hite and built under his supervision at a cost of approximately \$10,000, is fireproof throughout and thoroughly insulated against the weather and heat loss.

"That building represents eight years of skimping and saving, and every square inch of it was paid for out of hospital funds," Mrs. Fearing said. "Not a penny of the money was borrowed."

A new boiler has been installed in the heating system of the larger building and the old boiler put in service to heat the charity ward. The annex will meet a long felt need of the local hospital, there now being no space for charity patients. Colored patients seriously ill have heretofore had no place of segregation, and the new part will have two small rooms where those who are not expected to recover may be kept away from the ward patients.

"I wish there were some chance of obtaining new equipment for the addition," Mrs. Fearing said, "but the only thing the hospital has now that could be installed are a few old beds. We hope to be able to furnish it better before long."

Following installation of lighting and plumbing fixtures and painting of the woodwork in the annex, the building will be ready for occupancy. Seven to eight hundred dollars are expected to be spent in repairs to the hospital proper.

The annex is the nucleus of a new hospital, should one ever be built, and is constructed in such a manner that additional stories may be added when the need arises. M. C. Savin is the general contractor in charge of the work.

WILLIAM O'NEAL IS DEAD OF LOCKJAW

William Edward O'Neal, pilot of a moth boat by the name of Death, sailed away into the Hereafter Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Albemarle Hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment for lockjaw. He was 17 years old.

Young O'Neal, an outstanding moth boat skipper and onetime holder of the boys' moth boat sailing championship title, died of lockjaw contracted from a splinter he stuck in his foot last week. He was taken to the hospital on Saturday, but by that time his condition was so critical that death was inevitable.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn O'Neal of Hunter Street, this city, he is survived by one uncle, Charles Knight of New Orleans, and three aunts, Mrs. C. L. Jackson of this city, Mrs. Rebecca Meekins of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Ebbie Miller, of Avon.

The funeral will be conducted from the home at 104 Perseus Street, this afternoon at three o'clock.

Negro Watchman Is Found In Shack Murdered, With Shack Afire--Officers Are Baffled

Assailant Is Unknown, and
No Motive for Dastardly
Deed Is Discovered;
Victim Beat Over
the Head

An unknown assailant last night between 10 and 11 o'clock murdered an aged Negro known as "Uncle" Wash and then tried to cover up the dastardly crime by setting fire to the old Negro's shanty on West Church Street, extended, a short distance from the Hertford highway.

The body was discovered by Charles Stafford, night watchman at the Southern Roller, Stave and Heading Company mill, whose attention was attracted by a cloud of smoke pouring from the old man's shack a little after 11 o'clock last night. Approaching the shack, Stafford heard groans and then hastened to a nearby filling station to find someone to go into the shack with him. Ike Ward and another man accompanied him, and they bursted in the front door, which was fastened on the inside.

Hardly able to see for smoke, they threw water on a fire which was burning on the floor of the back room, and threw open the window. When the smoke had cleared away a little, they saw Wash's body stretched out on the floor, his head gory with blood.

Everything in the shack was in disorder, and indications were that there had been a struggle. The Negro had been dead only a few minutes, because Stafford heard him breathing and groaning when he first went near the shack.

Corner J. B. Ferebee was called, and investigation revealed that the old Negro's skull had been battered in on one side. In addition, there was a nasty cut over his left eye. There was a hatchet near the body, but there was no blood on it.

A Real Mystery
The murder took place in or near "Uncle" Wash's shack on a hot lot beside the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks on West Church Street, extended. At night the old Negro, who was between 60 and 70 years old, acted as watchman for some hogs owned by Moah Stokley of Parsonage Street. In the daytime he worked at odd jobs.

Who committed the murder, and the motive for it are two questions the authorities must seek to answer. About the only thing found



THE BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

TRIALS BY JURY IN OUR RECORDERS' COURTS

"What do you think of trials by jury in our Recorder's Courts?" asked the Soda Jerker of his friend the Bank Clerk.

"I think the Legislature who got that law on the statute books providing for jury trials in Recorder's Courts was either a slyster himself or an optimist," replied the Bank Clerk.

"Trial by jury in Recorder's Court is the resort of every bootlegger, every racketeer and every drunken driver. There is no excuse for trial by jury in Recorder's Court when a client always has the privilege of an appeal to the Superior Court with its better machinery for jury trials."

"Well, if trial by jury in the higher court is all right, why ain't trial by jury in the lower court just as sensible?" asked the Soda Jerker.

"There is this difference," replied the Bank Clerk; "Our Superior Courts preserve a certain dignity and integrity for which our Recorder's Courts are not at all conspicuous. The bar of the Superior Court has a respect for the judiciary and the officials of the court that is utterly lacking in the small fry of lawyers who frequent the Recorder's Courts. The lowest, vilest, crookedest, most venal lawyers, who can't command employment from respectable clients, prey upon the petty offenders who are arraigned in our Recorder's Courts. Many of these ambulance third rate and fourth rate lawyers are not above tampering with a jury and it is an open secret that they do tamper with Recorder's Court juries."

"It takes only a panel of six men to compose a jury in the lower court and it is generally possible for a crooked lawyer to find some member of such a jury who

SON OF BRUCE ETHERIDGE IS HURT IN CRASH

Manteo, Sept. 1.—Webb Etheridge, son of R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, was critically injured around noon today, when the car in which he was riding left the highway about three miles north of Manteo on the road to Port Raleigh and finally came to a halt wedged between two trees.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in extricating young Etheridge from the car and by the time he could be taken to the hospital at Camp Wirth, a short distance away, considerable blood had been lost, and the injured man was in a badly weakened condition.

In the absence of the staff physician first aid was rendered by M. O. McHenry, technician, assisted by a nurse, 18 stitches being required to close wounds in the injured man's head, caused by fragments of the shattered windshield of the car.

One report has it that liquor

that was regarded as a clew was a man's felt hat on the ground just outside the shack. The hat did not belong to the murdered man. However, one of Wash's shoes was found about three feet from the hat, while his other shoe was on his foot when his body was found.

It could not be determined whether the murder took place inside the shack or on the outside, nor by what instrument or weapon it was done.

Someone may have thought the old man had some money hid in the shack and went there with robbery in mind. Or it may have been that he surprised someone trying to steal a hog and was killed in a struggle with the intruder.

At any rate, local authorities have a baffling mystery to work on. A young Negro who has been staying in "Uncle" Wash's shack some lately is being sought for questioning.

The old man had no relatives so far as is known.

Goodwill
Goodwill, like a good name, is got by many actions and lost by one.

Pickle Plant Will Contract Larger Acreage In 1937

Thirty-five thousand bushels of cucumbers have been processed in the season just closed at the plant of C. C. Lang & Son here, according to Lyman Roberts, local manager for the Baltimore firm. "Present plans for next year's operations have not been worked out completely," he said last night "but we expect to establish a station at Gatesville and contract for 500 acres of cucumbers in that section to be hauled here by truck for processing."

According to Mr. Roberts, the company will contract for 700 acres in Pasquotank, making a total including the Gates plantings, of 1200 acres of cucumbers, to be picked here next year.

Contracts for the 1937 crop are expected to be let sometime this month after the arrival here of Mr. Lang.

Shipment of the present crop will begin some time this week or next and will employ 35 or 40 girls in removing the pickles from the brine tanks and cutting and regrading the larger ones. The 87 tanks in three sizes now filled range in capacity from 300 to 500 to 750 bushels.

Twelve to fifteen men have been employed most of the time this year but only a few are working this week in preparing peppers. The 50 acres contracted for this year were considerably injured by the dry and hot weather.

About 50 more tanks, Mr. Roberts said, would be necessary to take care of the increased plantings for next year.

Roanoke Island Plans Unusual Beauty Contest

Would Stage a Nationwide
Quest for the Long Lost
Virginia Dare

A beauty contest with a reward of no less than a trip to Europe and a chance to have an audience with King Edward VIII is planned for the 350th anniversary celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare at Roanoke Island next year, according to the current issue of the Croatan Courier, news organ of the men engaged in doing soil erosion work on the Dare County site. No bathing beauty contest, but one in which entrants coming from all parts of the country will be garbed in costumes dating from the sixteenth century, is the plan attributed to D. Bradford Fearing, secretary of the Roanoke Island Historical Association.

The beauty contest event, which is scheduled as a part of the opening ceremonies of the anniversary year, is expected to receive the sponsorship of the American Legion through Henry L. Stevens, past national commander of that organization.

The Croatan Courier, which came out with its third issue on August 28, is printed in the conservation workers own shop at Camp Wirth, Roanoke Island, and carries twelve pages of news on general subjects, as well as that of particular concern to the men housed in camps on the Island and at Ocracoke, Rodanthe, Duck, Hatteras, Coinjock and Manns Harbor.

Fire Report Shows Majority Damage By a Single Loss

The fire loss for Elizabeth City during the month of August was close to \$5,000, but around \$4,000 of this loss was outside the city limits and, therefore, will not be included in the total from which the city's per capita fire loss is figured, according to Fire Chief Jerome S. Flora.

The fire department answered a total of 14 calls during the month and was in service for seven hours and 32 minutes.

The causes of the 14 calls were as follows: Careless smoking, 3; sparks from flues, 2; and one each as follows: unknown, defective oil stove, chimney fire, auto fire, false alarm, smoke scare, first aid, flue fire and electricity.

The total value of property at risk was \$14,560, and the total fire loss for the month was \$3,935. The American Oil Company tank fire, however, was responsible for \$4,000 of this loss, and this fire was outside the city limits.

Southern Albemarle Assn. Demands Hearing On Site Of Albemarle Sound Bridge

Few Cities In The World Can Boast Two Such Monuments

T. R. Waring, Jr., City Editor of The Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, who was in Elizabeth City recently on a tour of the Ocean Highway, is writing an interesting series of articles on his trip. Of Elizabeth City and its environs, he writes:

This prosperous city of 12,000 on the banks of the Pasquotank river looking down Albemarle sound toward the Atlantic ocean across its protecting barrier of sand, is the gateway to a land among America's richest territories in picturesque terrain and historical association.

Situated in North Carolina's northeastern corner, it is within fifty miles of Norfolk, the entrance to Virginia's famous Tidewater country. To the south are Edenton, Washington and New Bern a trio of old and interesting North Carolina towns. To the east is a pair of monuments which few cities in the world could offer so stirring to the imagination and bridging such a gap in the story of mankind.

From the peak of the sixty-one foot modernistic granite pylon on the loftiest of the Kill Devil hills erected in memory of the Wright brothers' first successful flight, the visitor can look straight down on Roanoke Island and see in the mind's eye back three and a half centuries to the famous lost colony of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Virginia Dare Born in 1587

Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in the New World, first saw the light of day—and it probably was one of those brilliant North Carolina days of sunshine—August 18, 1587. They celebrated the anniversary the other day with fitting ceremonies where the nation has set up a national monument and built reproductions of the houses used by the colonists.

The fate of the Lost Colony and of little Virginia Dare remains one of the most provocative mysteries of American history. When a relief expedition came in 1590, the only trace was the word "Croatan" carved in the bark of a tree.

Roanoke Island nestles just inside the long sandy barrier which extends from Virginia many miles south to Cape Hatteras, and is reached by a round-about drive of seventy-five miles from Elizabeth City. The drive alone would be worth the trip, for it leads through lush and colorful farmlands, where the watermelons fatten on the moist soil, and across some of the biggest sand dunes to be seen outside of a motion picture of the Sahara Desert.

Past Kitty Hawk where the Wright brothers flew, past Nags Head and the shingled cottages of the summer folk, the road goes along the shore of the deep-sea-blue Atlantic ocean. At the end of the road is the village of Manteo, a Southern version little known to Southerners of the often-described New England fishing village.

Sage of Elizabeth City
W. O. Saunders, whose forthright speech has made his writings in the Elizabeth City Independent known far outside the sphere of newspaper, regards the ignorance about Roanoke Island as little short of a crime.

"Through modesty, inertia or an ancient inferiority complex," says Mr. Saunders, "North Carolina has neglected its most precious history, and to its everlasting shame, within recent months members of the Congress of the United States have recorded the fact that they had never heard of Roanoke Island, of the colonization efforts of Sir Walter Raleigh, or of Virginia Dare."

The Wright memorial monument, looking as though it were about to take off from the brow of the ninety-one-foot sand dune on which the government reared it at a cost of \$250,000 in 1932, was visited by 30,000 persons in 1935. So far this year, since the tolls on bridges reaching it were lifted, 42,000 already have come to see where man learned to emulate the birds.

Potters Revive Designs
Designs and coloring of old and famous English earthenware and china are being revived by potters of England.

There is no form of nerve disorder that may not be caused or aggravated by Eye Strain. For a thorough eye examination see DR. J. D. BATHAWAY.

Dare County Commissioners Petition Waynick to Withhold Decision As to Location; Prefer Bridge Over Alligator River to Bridge Over Albemarle Sound.

Manteo, N. C., Sept. 1.—Dare County's Board of Commissioners, the Dare County Chamber of Commerce and prominent business men of this town joined with other counties in the Southern Albemarle Association today in a petition to Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway & Public Works Commission, to withhold decision on the location of the proposed Albemarle Sound delegation from the Association.

The following telegram was dispatched to Mr. Waynick:

Urgently request you withhold decision on location of bridge across Albemarle Sound until you have heard a delegation from the Southern Albemarle Association as per your agreement with C. W. Tatam.

President Tatam of the Southern Albemarle Association, which represents the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Hyde and Dare, insists that Chairman Waynick had given him his promise that no decision would be made in the location of the Sound bridge until the Association was given a hearing. To which Chairman Waynick will probably answer that a majority of all the Albemarle counties had signed their willingness in a mass meeting in Edenton two weeks ago, to leave the location of the bridge to the Commission's engineers.

President Tatam's protest against the location of the Albemarle Sound bridge is perhaps not so much a protest against the location, as a protest against any Albemarle Sound bridge at all before a bridge is built over Alligator River.

Secretary D. B. Fearing of the Dare County Chamber of Commerce said today that a bridge over Alligator River and the Camden-Currituck short-cut were more important to Dare County than the Albemarle Sound bridge. "However," Mr. Fearing, was quoted as saying, "I am not opposing the Albemarle Sound bridge, although we are struggling along with the Southern Albemarle Association because we are members of it."

It is no secret here that most of the members of the Southern Albemarle Association in this county, have a sinking feeling that construction of a costly bridge over Albemarle Sound will mean the postponement of construction of a costlier bridge project over Alligator River for some years to come.

Temperature No Bar To Weddings During August

Hot weather is commonly supposed to act as a deterrent to matrimony, or rather to serve as a damper on matrimonial inclinations, but this old supposition was knocked into a cocked hat here last month, the August marriage licenses for Pasquotank county topping those of any previous month this year.

The total number of marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. C. Spence last month was 44 which was perhaps the largest number issued in August in the county's history. The nearest approach to this number on record is 42 licenses issued in August, 1928, during the Coolidge Prosperity days.

The average number of marriage licenses issued in this county in August is around 30.

The August total was the highest registered that year, the totals for the previous seven months being as follows: January, 27; February, 29; March, 31; April, 28; May, 26; June, 38; and July, 32.

South Carolina Bays Explained
The South Carolina bays, indentations in the earth which many believe to have been caused by the fall of a great meteorite, may have been caused so, but with most of the actual scooping out done rather by the blasts of air caused when the stone fell than by its own solid particles.